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The patentee seeks to delete Figures 4C and 4D from U.S. Patent No. 6,197,181. As explained in the Declaration of Marcia S. Kelbon, who was the attorney that filed the formal figures, this application was transferred to Ms. Kelbon only a short time before the filing date of the formal figures. Ms. Kelbon further declares that Figures 4C and 4D were inadvertently included with the formal drawings upon payment of issue fee in U.S. Application No. 09/045,245. Additionally, as sworn to in Ms. Kelbon's declaration, this was a minor mistake of a clerical nature that occurred in good faith without any deceptive intent.

The inclusion of Figures 4C and 4D in U.S. Application No. 09/045,245 was an inadvertent, minor error. Moreover, because Figures 4C and 4D were inadvertently filed in the U.S. Patent Office after the close of prosecution, they could not effect the scope of the claims. Thus, in summary, the inclusion of Figures 4C and 4D in U.S. Application No. 09/045,245 was a minor mistake of a clerical nature that (a) occurred in good faith without any deceptive intent and (b) does not affect the claims.

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